

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation that the Examiner indicates that claim 6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent format, including the limitations of its base claim and any intervening claims. Reconsideration of the above-captioned patent application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

By the foregoing amendments, claims 1 and 3 have been amended. Thus, claims 1-6 currently are pending and are subject to examination in the above-captioned patent application. No new matter is added and the foregoing amendments, and these amendments are fully supported by the specification.

In the Office Action mailed July 27, 2004, the Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as allegedly being anticipated by Hwang et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,777,491, "Hwang"). The Examiner also rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as allegedly being anticipated by Kuo (U.S. Patent No. 4,766,473, "Kuo"). Moreover, the Examiner rejected claims 3-5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as allegedly being rendered obvious by Hsieh et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,878,101, "Hsieh") in view of Furutani et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,305,261, "Furutani"). In addition, the Examiner rejected claims 3-5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as allegedly being rendered obvious by Kuo in view of Furutani. Finally the Examiner rejected claims 2-5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as allegedly being rendered obvious by Hwang in view of Furutani. To the extent that these rejections remain applicable in view of the foregoing amendments, Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections, as follows.

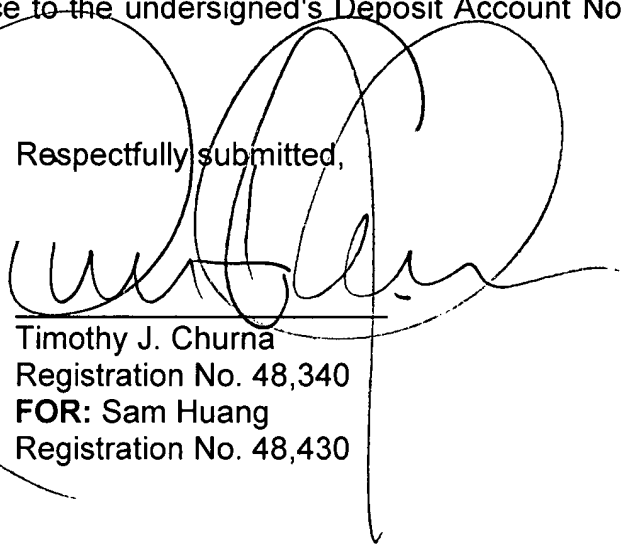
Applicants acknowledge with appreciation that the Examiner was willing to conduct an interview with Applicants' representatives to discuss the above-captioned patent application. In accordance with Applicants' representatives' interview with the Examiner, Applicants are amending independent claim 1 to describe a semiconductor device "wherein said drive circuit drives said data lines in **both** said dynamic operation mode and said static operation mode based on a control signal." (Emphasis added.) As per Applicants' representatives' interview with the Examiner, Applicants respectfully submit that none of the references cited by the Examiner disclose or suggest this limitation of independent claim 1. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of independent claim 1 at least for this reason.

Claims 2-6 depend from allowable independent claim 1. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner also withdraw the rejection of claims 2-6 at least for this reason.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-captioned patent application is in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that an in-person or telephonic interview with Applicants' representatives would expedite the prosecution of the above-captioned patent application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney of records. Applicants believe that no fees are due as a result of this submission. Nevertheless, in the event of any variance between the fees determined by Applicants and those determined by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, please charge any such variance to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

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